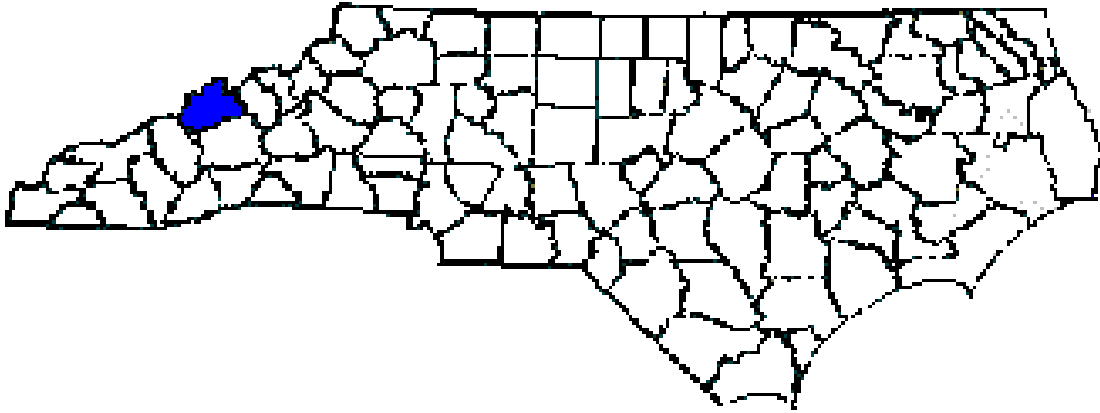


ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2010



Turkey Branch Site J Mitigation Site
Madison County
TIP No. R-2518A



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SUMMARY

The following report summarizes the stream monitoring activities that have occurred during the Year 2010 at the Turkey Branch Site J Mitigation Site in Madison County. The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) completed this project in December 2008 and water was turned in June 2009. This report provides the monitoring results for the first formal year of monitoring (Year 2010). The Year 2010 monitoring period was the first of five scheduled years of monitoring on the Turkey Branch Site J Mitigation Site (See Success Criteria Section 2.1).

Based on the overall conclusions of monitoring at the Turkey Branch Site J, it has met the required monitoring protocols for the first formal year of monitoring. The channel throughout the stream relocation site is stable at this time. The streambank and buffer area have not been planted for the first year of monitoring. NCDOT will monitor the planted vegetation once it is established.

NCDOT will continue stream monitoring at the Turkey Branch Site J Mitigation Site for 2011.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Description

The following report summarizes the stream monitoring activities that have occurred during the Year 2010 at the Turkey Branch Site J Mitigation Site. Site J is located on US 19 in Madison County at Sta. 56+20 to 57+70 Rt. -L- (Figures 1 & 2). The Turkey Branch Site J was constructed to provide mitigation for stream impacts associated with Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) number R-2518A in Madison County.

The mitigation site provided approximately 692 linear feet of stream relocation. Construction was completed during December 2008 and water was turned in June 2009 by the NCDOT. Stream relocation involved excavation of a new floodplain and channel, installing several in-stream cross vane structures and planting the riparian buffer zone.

1.2 Purpose

In order for a mitigation site to be considered successful, the site must meet the success criteria. This report details the monitoring in 2010 at the Turkey Branch Site J Mitigation Site. Hydrologic monitoring was not required for this site.

1.3 Project History

December 2008	Construction Completed
June 2009	Water Turned Into Stream
October 2009	As-Built Survey Completed
November 2010	Stream Channel Monitoring (Year 1)

1.4 Debit Ledger

The entire Turkey Branch Site J stream mitigation site was used for the R-2518A project to compensate for unavoidable stream impacts.

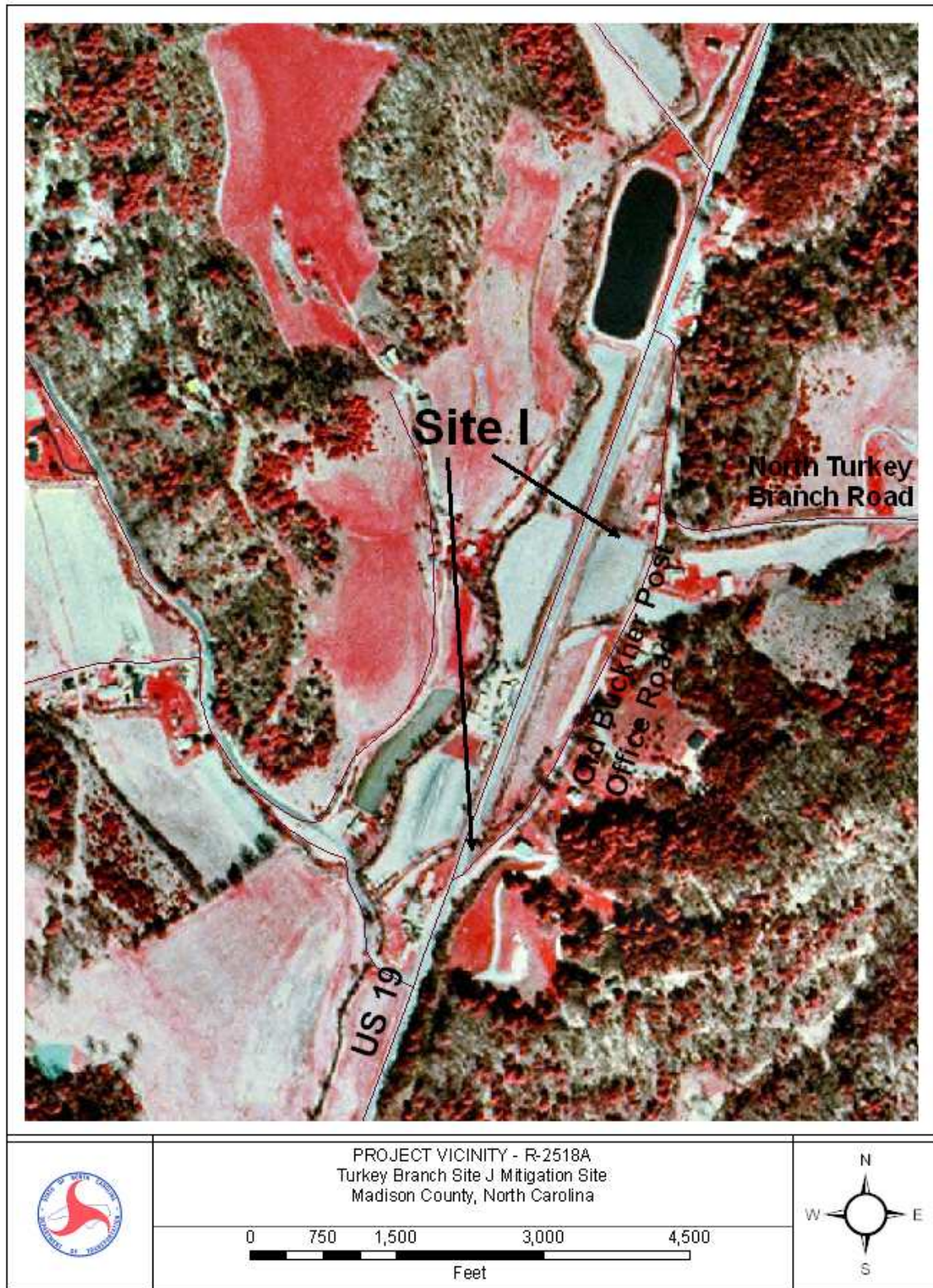
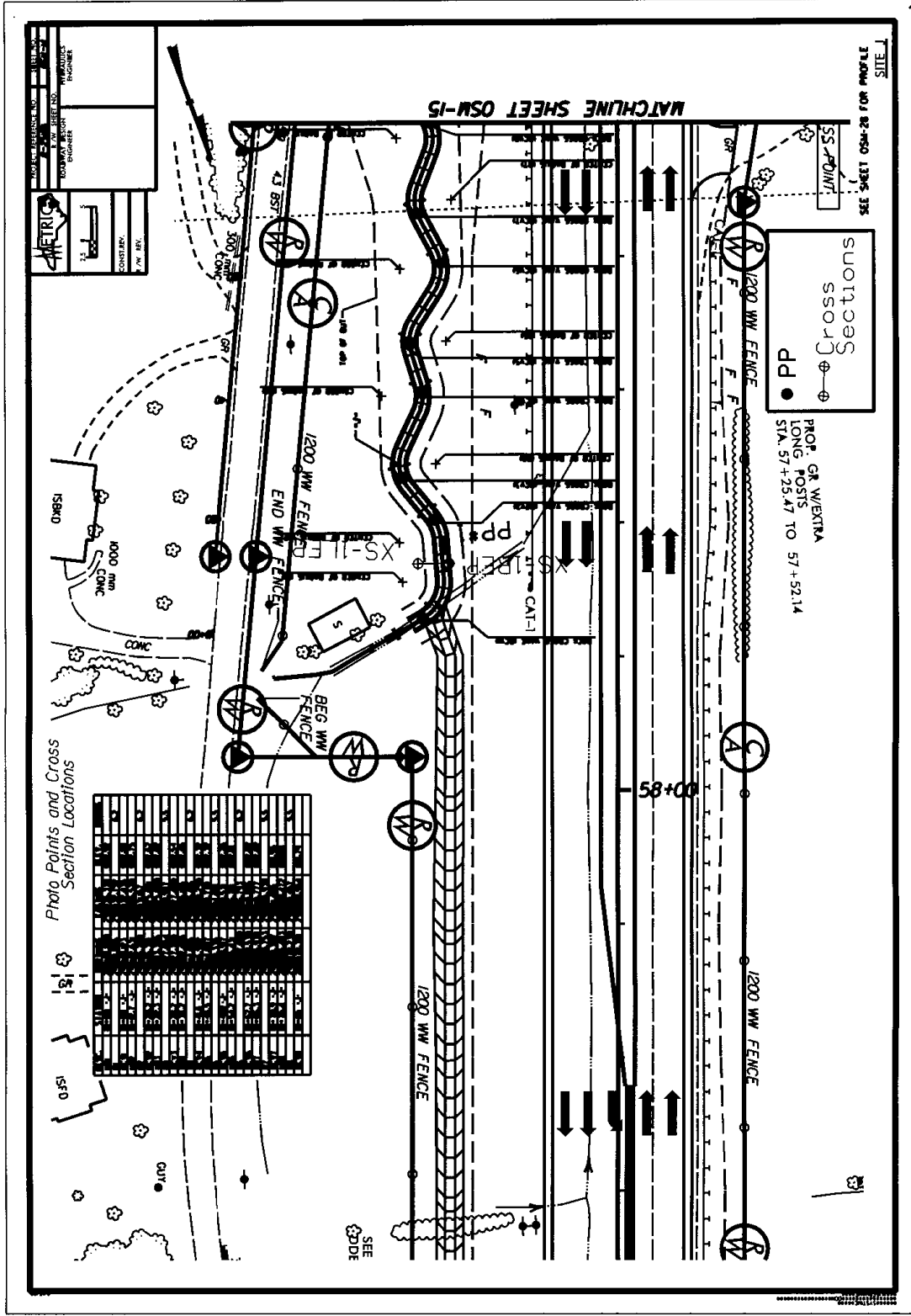
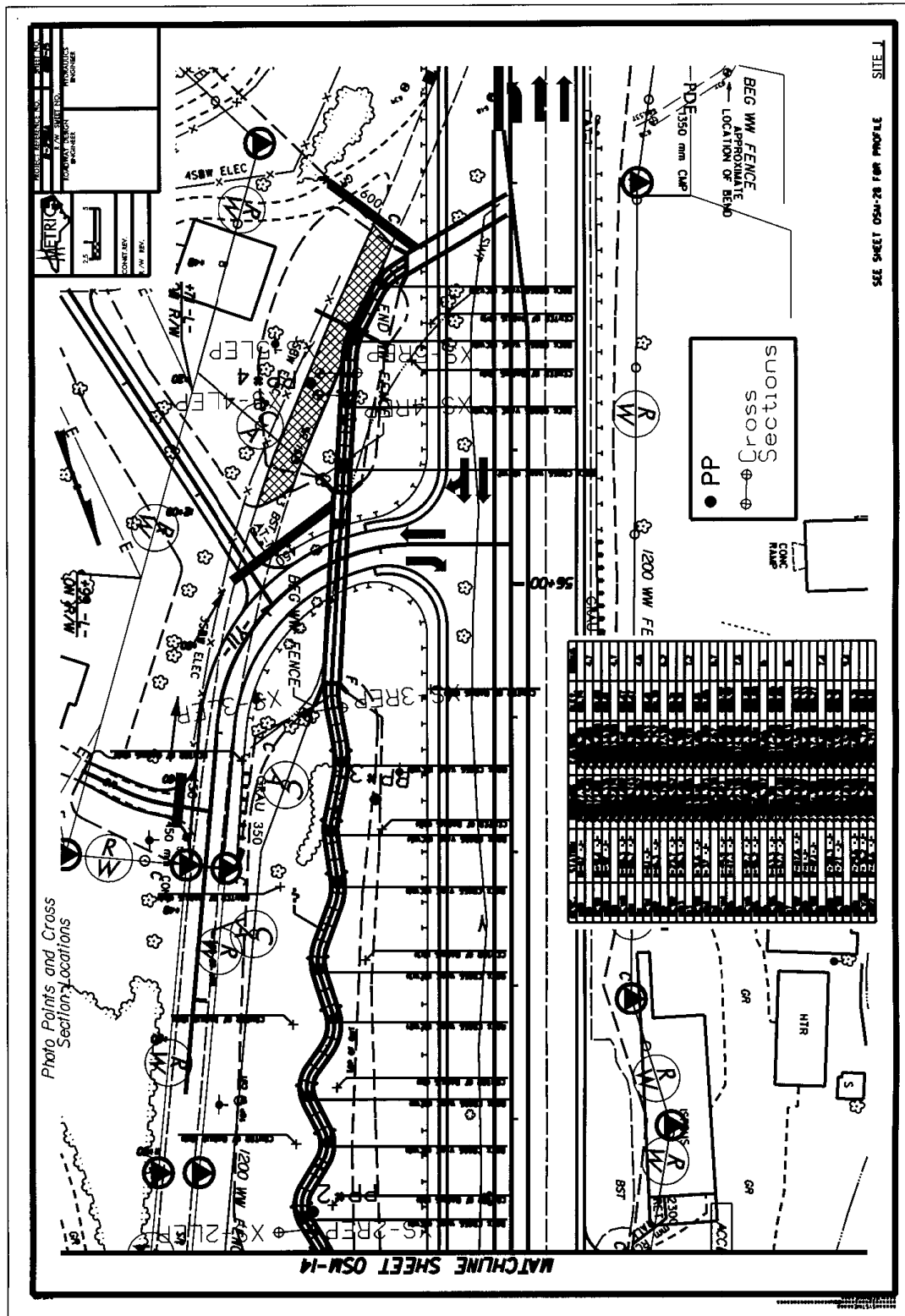


Figure 1. Vicinity Map



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Figure 2. Site J Map



2.0 STREAM ASSESSMENT

2.1 Success Criteria

The permittee shall monitor the restoration and enhancement mitigation sites following the Level 1 protocols outlined in the "Stream Mitigation Guidelines," dated April 2003 with the following exceptions:

1. Pebble counts shall not be conducted.
2. Two cross sections shall be conducted for streams less than 500 linear feet and five (5) cross sections shall be conducted for streams greater than 500 linear feet.
3. Riparian success shall be by visual inspection of plant survival. Photos will be taken and comments noted on plant survival.

The permittee shall monitor the preservation sites by visual inspection. Photos will be taken and comments noted on plant survival. The monitoring shall be conducted annually for a minimum of five (5) years after final planting. The monitoring results shall be submitted to DWQ in a final report within sixty (60) days after completing monitoring. After 5 years the NCDOT shall contact the DWQ to schedule a site visit to "close out" the mitigation site.

2.2 Stream Description

2.2.1 Post-Construction Conditions

The relocation of the Turkey Branch Site J Mitigation Site involved excavation of a new floodplain and channel, installing several in-stream cross vane structures and planting the riparian buffer zone.

2.2.2 Monitoring Conditions

The objective of the Turkey Branch Site J stream relocation was to restore a B4c stream as identified in Rosgen's Applied River Morphology. A total of five cross sections (three riffles and two pools) were surveyed. For this report, only cross sections containing riffles were used in the comparison of channel morphology presented below in Table 1 (Site J).

Table 1. Abbreviated Morphological Summary (Turkey Branch Site J)

Variable	Proposed	Cross-Section #1 (Riffle)	Cross-Section #3 (Riffle)	Cross-Section #4 (Riffle)	Min. – Max Values (Riffle Sections Only)
		2010	2010	2010	2010
Drainage Area (mi ²)	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft ²)	5.71	5.84	6.74	6.02	5.84 – 6.74
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	0.83 – 1.04	1.2	1.14	0.94	0.94 – 1.2
Width of the Floodprone Area (ft)	14	15.72	16.42	14.74	14.74 – 16.42
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	0.69	0.55	0.72	0.58	0.55 – 0.72
Width/Depth Ratio	12	19.42	13.07	17.91	13.07 – 19.42
Entrenchment Ratio	1.7	1.47	1.75	1.42	1.42 – 1.75
Bankfull Width (ft)	8.3	10.68	9.41	10.39	9.41 – 10.68

* Riffle values are used for classification purposes, pool values are shown in Appendix A.

2.3 Results of the Stream Assessment

2.3.1 Site Data

The assessment included the survey of five cross sections and the longitudinal profile of the Turkey Branch Site J established by NCDOT after construction. The length of the profile along the Turkey Branch Site J was approximately 810 linear feet. Five cross sections were established during the as-built monitoring year. Cross section locations were subsequently based on the stationing of the longitudinal profile and are presented below. The location of the cross sections and longitudinal profile are shown in Appendix A.

Turkey Branch Site J Cross-Sections:

- ◆ Cross-Section #1: Turkey Branch Site J, Station 53+07, midpoint of riffle
- ◆ Cross-Section #2: Turkey Branch Site J, Station 297+00, midpoint of pool
- ◆ Cross-Section #3: Turkey Branch Site J, Station 567+00, midpoint of riffle
- ◆ Cross-Section #4: Turkey Branch Site J, Station 737+00, midpoint of riffle
- ◆ Cross-Section #5: Turkey Branch Site J, Station 748+00, midpoint of pool

Based on comparisons of the As-Built to Year 1 monitoring data, all of the cross sections appear stable with little or no active bank erosion. Graphs of the cross sections are presented in Appendix A. Future survey data will vary depending on actual location of rod placement and alignment; however, this information should remain similar in appearance. The longitudinal profile showed that the channel was stable for the 2010 monitoring evaluation. Pebble counts were not required per the permit conditions and therefore were not completed.

3.0 VEGETATION: TURKEY BRANCH SITE J

3.1 Description of Species

The following tree species are scheduled to be planted on the stream bank:

Salix nigra, Black Willow

Cornus amomum, Silky Dogwood

The following tree species are scheduled to be planted in the buffer area:

Liriodendron tulipifera, Yellow Poplar

Platanus occidentalis, Sycamore

Fraxinus pennsylvanica, Green Ash

Quercus alba, White Oak

3.2 Results of Vegetation Monitoring

Streambank & Buffer Vegetation: Reforestation has not been completed as of the Year 1 monitoring evaluation.

3.3 Conclusions

NCDOT will monitor the planted vegetation once it is established.

4.0 OVERALL CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

The Turkey Branch Site J Mitigation Site has met the required monitoring protocols for the first formal year of monitoring. The channel throughout the stream relocation site is stable at this time. NCDOT will monitor the planted vegetation once it is established.

NCDOT will continue monitoring the Turkey Branch Site J Mitigation Site in 2011.

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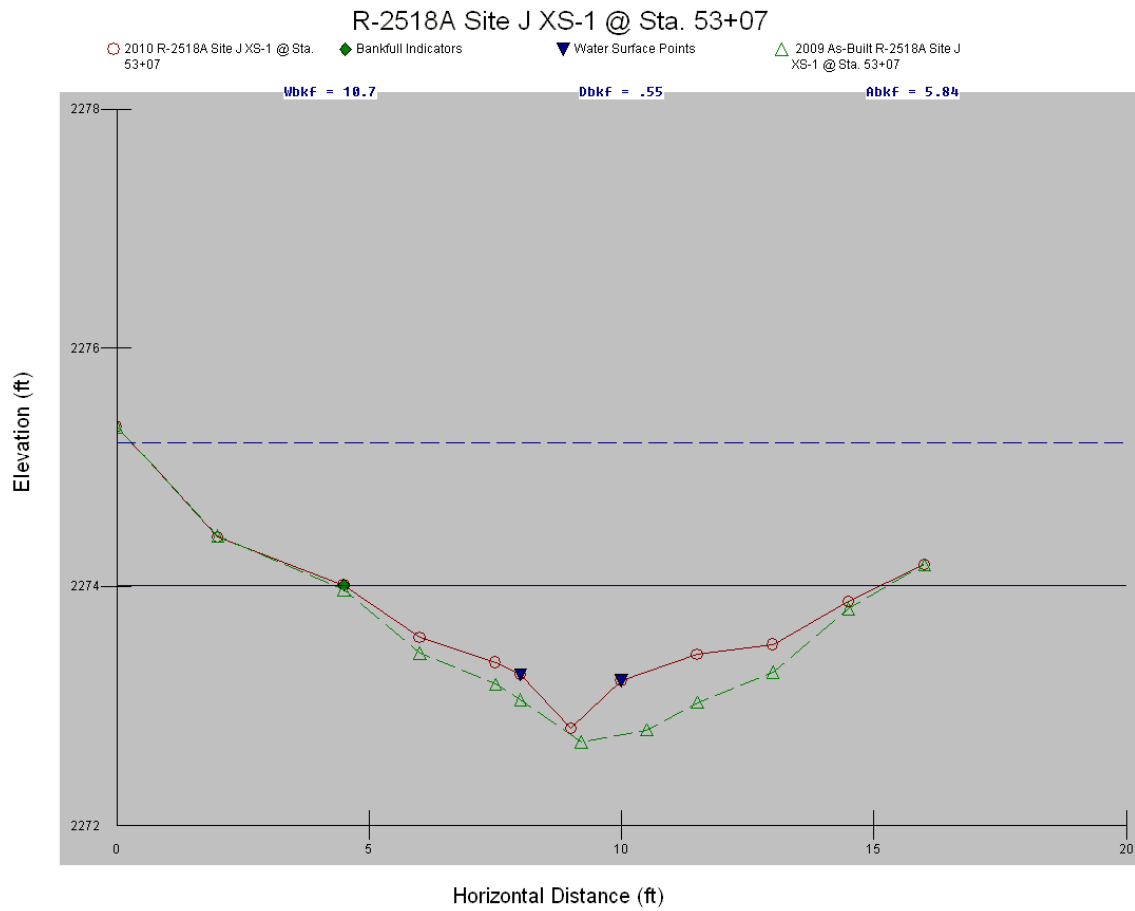
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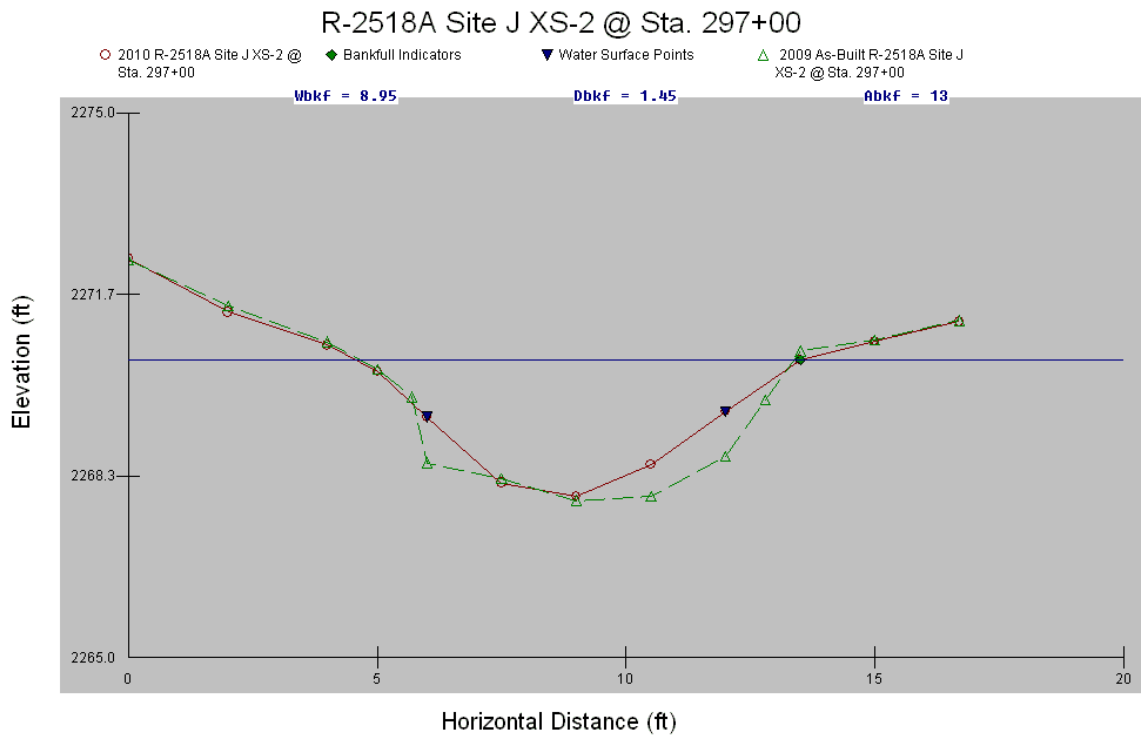
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APPENDIX A

CROSS SECTIONS AND LONGITUDINAL PROFILE

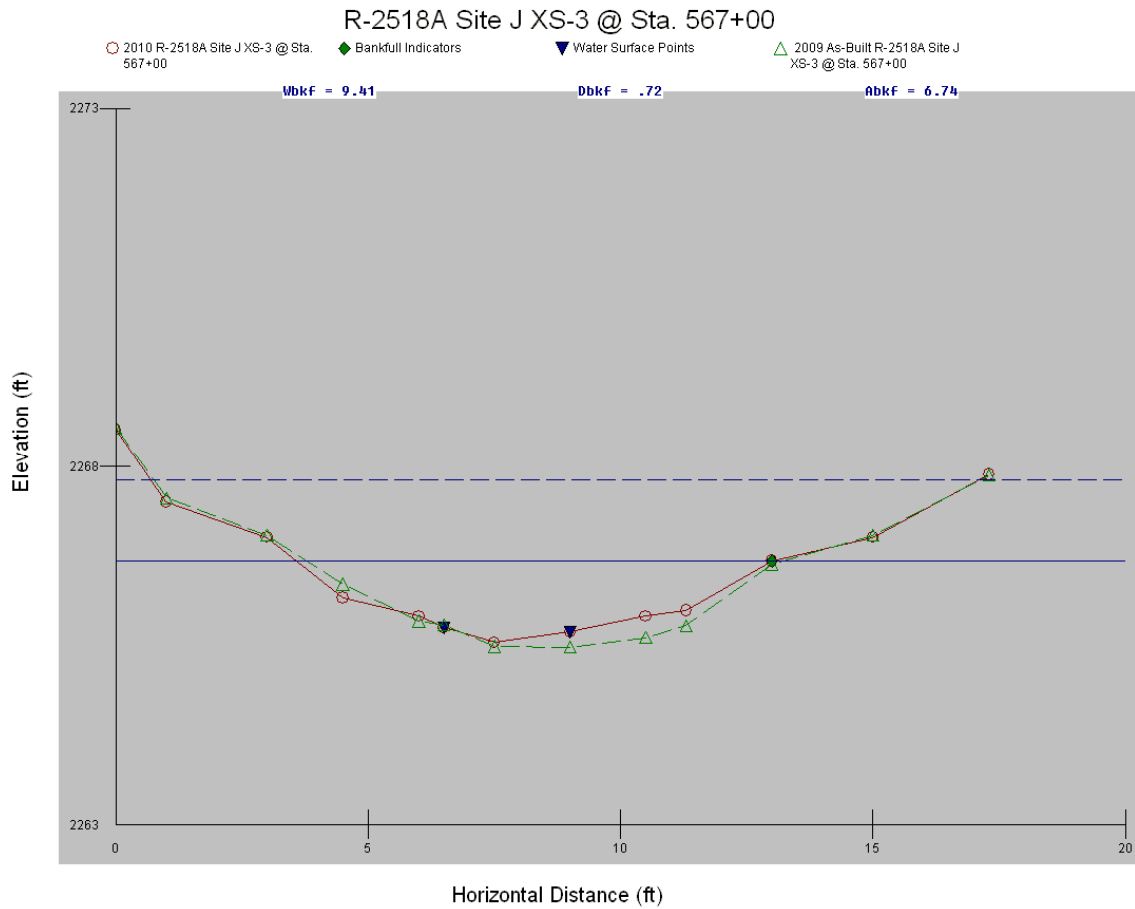


Site J: Cross-Section #1 (Riffle) Abbreviated Morphological Summary					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft ²)	5.84				
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	1.2				
Width of the Floodprone Area (ft)	15.72				
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	0.55				
Width/Depth Ratio	19.42				
Entrenchment Ratio	1.47				
Bankfull Width (ft)	10.68				

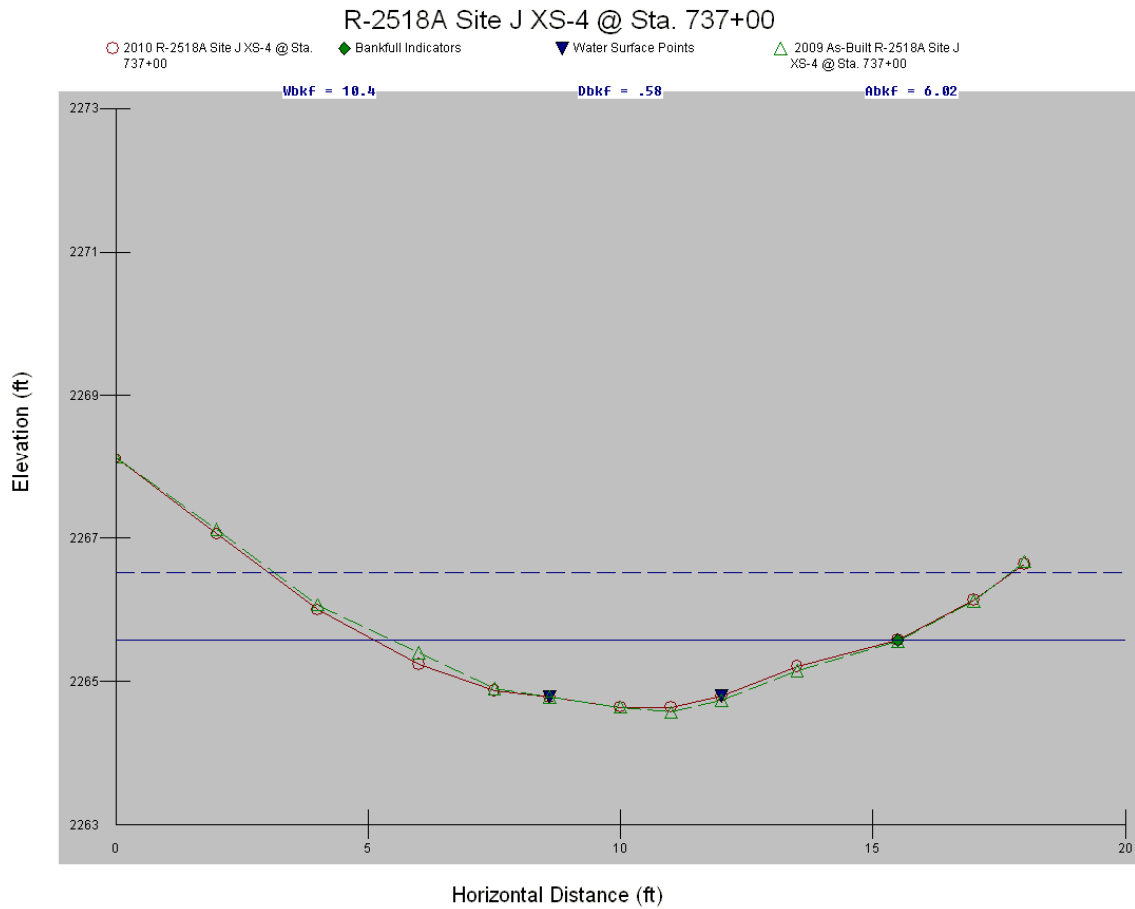


Site J: Cross-Section #2 (Pool) Abbreviated Morphological Summary					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft ²)	12.96				
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	2.51				
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	1.45				
Bankfull Width (ft)	8.95				

*According to the Rosgen Classification of Natural Rivers floodprone width, entrenchment ratio, and width depth ratio are not measured in pool, glide, or run features.

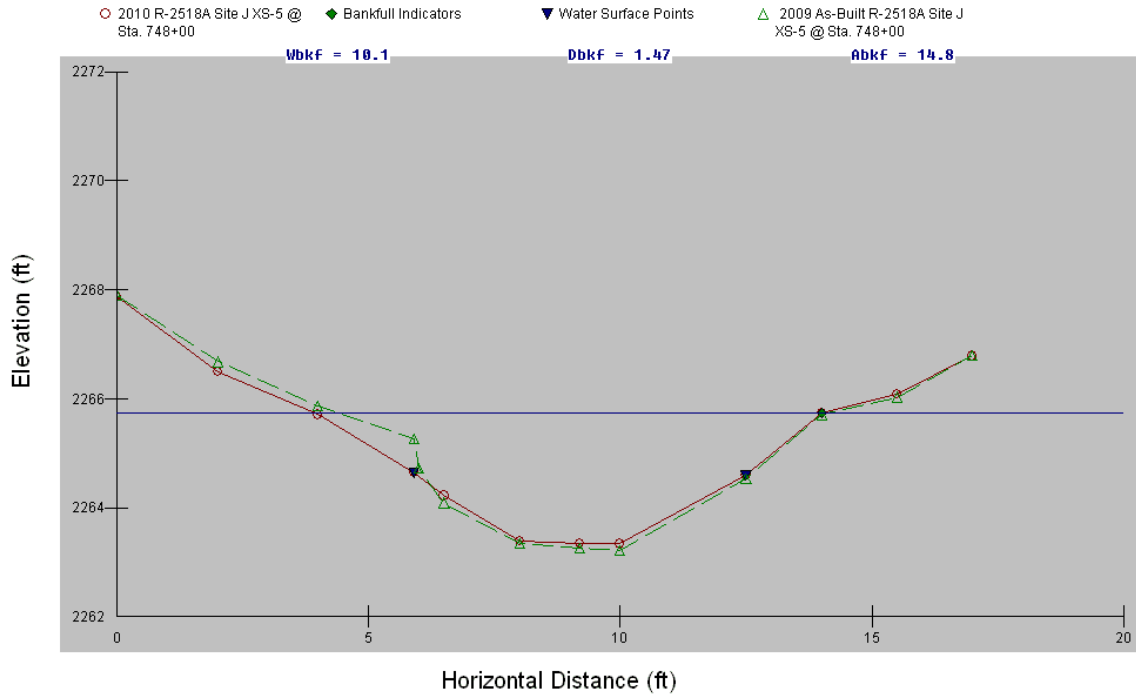


Site J: Cross-Section #3 (Riffle) Abbreviated Morphological Summary					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft ²)	6.74				
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	1.14				
Width of the Floodprone Area (ft)	16.42				
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	0.72				
Width/Depth Ratio	13.07				
Entrenchment Ratio	1.75				
Bankfull Width (ft)	9.41				



Site J: Cross-Section #4 (Riffle) Abbreviated Morphological Summary					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft ²)	6.02				
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	0.94				
Width of the Floodprone Area (ft)	14.74				
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	0.58				
Width/Depth Ratio	17.91				
Entrenchment Ratio	1.42				
Bankfull Width (ft)	10.39				

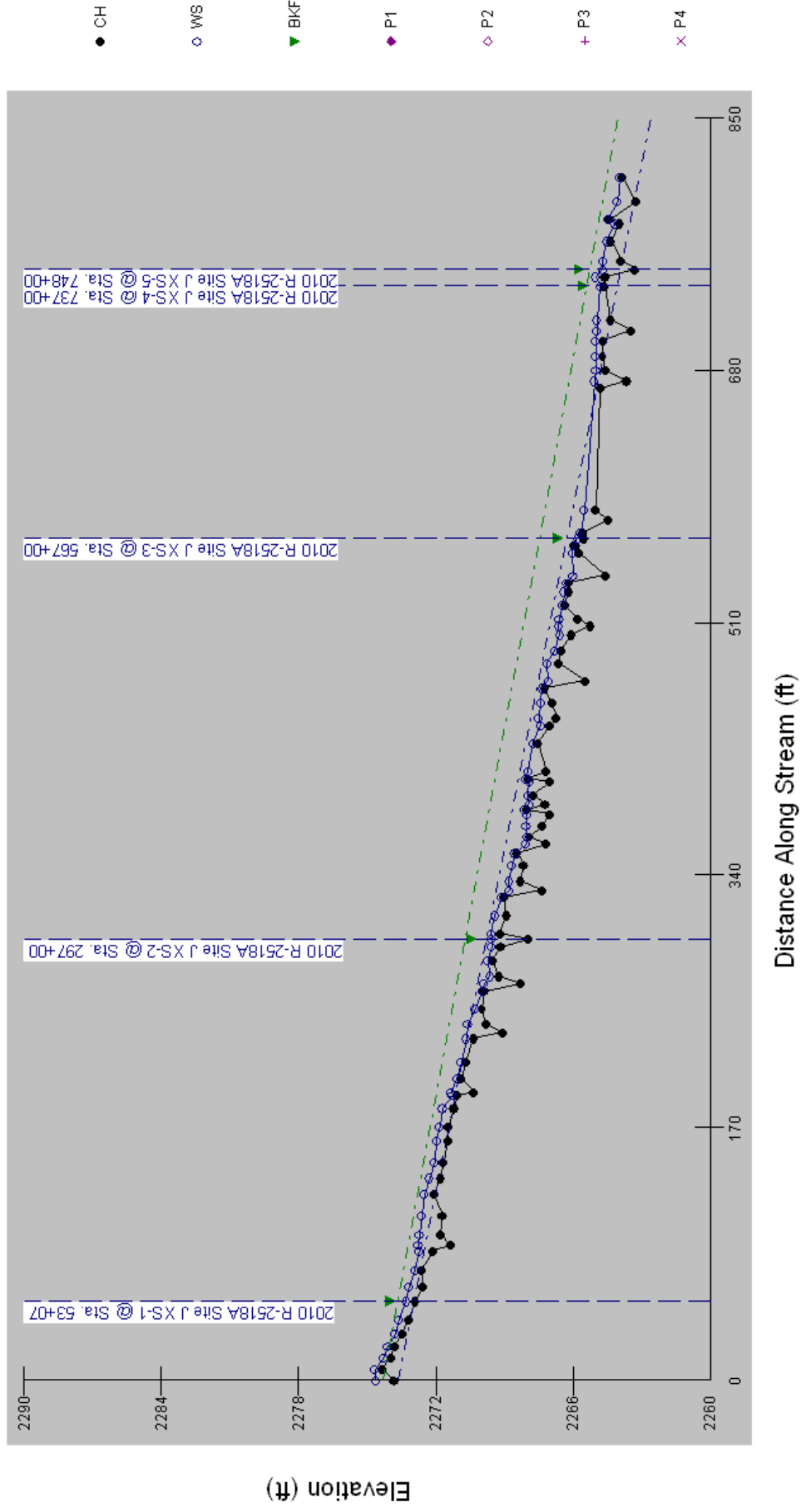
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Site J: Cross-Section #5 (Pool) Abbreviated Morphological Summary					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft ²)	14.82				
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	2.4				
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	1.47				
Bankfull Width (ft)	10.08				

*According to the Rosgen Classification of Natural Rivers floodprone width, entrenchment ratio, and width depth ratio are not measured in pool, glide, or run features.

2010 R-2518A Site J Profile



APPENDIX B

SITE PHOTOGRAPHS

Turkey Branch Site J



Photo Point #1 (Upstream)



Photo Point #1 (Downstream)



Photo Point #2 (Upstream)



Photo Point #2 (Downstream)



Photo Point #3 (Upstream)

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Photo Point #3 (Downstream)

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Photo Point #4 (Upstream)
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Photo Point #4 (Downstream)